

General Nathanael Greene Cottage
Near Dunginess (Carnegie Family Mansion)
South end of Cumberland Island
Camden County, Georgia

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Street Address or Location: Near Dungeness (Carnegie Family Mansion),
south end of Cumberland Island, Camden
County, Georgia

Present Owner: Mrs. Robert W. (Lucy R.) Ferguson
Woodstock Farm, Hilliard, Florida

Present Occupant: Caretaker for owner

Present Use: Official and book storage

Brief Statement of
Significance: Built and occupied by General Nathanael
Greene after the Revolutionary War.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: General Nathanael Greene. Ownership between original owner and Carnegie family not investigated.
2. Date of erection: Not investigated. Probably between 1790 and 1810.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: Not investigated. Appearance shows much recent work, especially roof and interior.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:

1. Mrs. Robert W. Ferguson
Woodstock Farm, Hilliard, Florida
2. Mrs. Margaret Davis Cate, Postmistress
Sea Island, Georgia

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: Early American; much remodelled.
2. Condition of fabric: Good

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: About 40' x 20'
2. Foundations: Tabby masonry
3. Wall construction: Tabby masonry with lime plaster

4. Porches: Porch along northeast side with wood shingled shed roof, wood columns, low tabby walls with lime plaster and cement patching.
5. Chimneys: One of brick with lime plaster. In center of plan.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Two. Wood framed openings. Wood panel doors with four lights upper half, glazed. Wood frame screen doors.
 - b. Windows and shutters: No shutters. Eight windows 1st floor, all with wood frame screens. Two middle windows southwest side made from door openings. Six windows 2nd floor, one in each gable end and four dormers, two each side. Two on northeast side screened. All openings wood framed. Windows double hung; six lights each leaf.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Ridge roof with gable ends, wood shingles and wood rafters.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: No cornice. Slight eaves with no gutters.
 - c. Dormers: Four; two each side. Ridge roof with gable ends. Clapboard side walls.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: One and one-half stories - rectangular plan. Center partition divides plan into two equal rooms open to roof.
2. Heating: Double fireplace in center partition.

D. Site:

1. General setting: Savanna on Cumberland Island, a flat, lush, little-disturbed semi-tropical island (coastal) with broad beautiful beaches.
2. Orientation: Porch faces northeast.
3. Enclosures: None
4. Outbuildings: None
5. Walks: None; vestige of an oyster shell road across front.
6. Landscaping: One tree at north corner, one at south corner.

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